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SUMMARY: PEKING BEGAN TO RESUME ITS OFFICIAL BUSINESS WITH HIGH-LEVEL LEADERSHIP TURNS, DESPITE THE CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MOURNING. THE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION HAS BEEN CANCELED AND THE MEDIA CONTINUES ADULATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THE FATE OF MAO'S REMAINS, SPECULATION IS THAT HE WILL NOT BE CREMATED. PROVINCIAL INSTRUCTIONS SEEM TO BE CLOSE TO NATIONAL THEMES ENUNCIATED DURING THE MOURNING PERIOD, BUT WARNINGS AGAINST DISRUPTIONS AND RUMOR-MONGERING CONTINUE. THE PRC ALSO DETONATED ANOTHER NUCLEAR DEVICE IN SINKAI. EXTERNALLY, PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG REPORTEDLY GAVE FORMER NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER ROWLING ASSURANCES ON THE CONTINUITY OF PRC FOREIGN POLICY AND COMMENTED POSITIVELY ON ASEAN AND THE ANZUS TREATY. FORMER U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS MET WITH HUA AND DEFENSE MINISTER YEH CHIEN-YING, WHILE COMMENTARIES IN THE LOCAL PRC PRESS ALLEGED THAT LEADERS ON TAIWAN ARE INCREASINGLY WORRIED OVER U.S. COMMITMENTS THERE. THE SOVIET UNION CAME IN FOR ITS USUAL HEAVY MEDIA SHELLING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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END SUMMARY.

CHINA CONTINUES TO MOURN THE GREAT TEACHER AND LEADER

1. MOURNING CEREMONIES OFFICIALLY ENDED WITH THE SEPTEMBER 18 GATHERING (WR 38) BUT THE SIGNS OF MOURNING CONTINUE TO BE PREVALENT IN PEKING (PEKING 1873). NATIONAL DAY OBSERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELED NATIONWIDE (PEKING 1888) AND, AFTER HONG KONG OFFICIALS HAD ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR THEIR LOCAL CELEBRATIONS, THE BANS WERE EXTENDED TO OBSERVANCES ABROAD AS WELL

(HONG KONG 11193). NATIONAL MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED TO FEATURE PERSONAL REMINISCENCE BY THOSE AMONG THE MASSES WHO HAD MET OF KNOWN MAO, WHILE ELSEWHERE UNITS ARE PRAISED FOR THEIR "CONCRETE" CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAO'S MEMORY BY BOOSTING PRODUCTION. THE FATE OF MAO'S REMAINS, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO BE A MYSTERY WITH MOST BETTORS NOW ARGUING THAT MAO WILL NOT BE CREMATED (PEKING 1904). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. OCTOBER'S RED FLAG FEATURES A SECTION WHICH DEALS WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION. AMONG THOSE ALREADY HIGHLIGHTED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY CHIH HENG'S ARTICLE IS A LONGISH CATALOGING OF MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH IN TOTO SOUNDS LIKE A STRONG PRESCRIPTION FOR CONTINUING POLITICAL ACTIVISM (HONG KONG 11241). THE SECOND ARTICLE BY UNKNOWN CHI YUNG-HUNG IS A POLITICAL HASH OF UNITY AND CONTROL THEMES ON THE ONE HAND AND CULTURAL REVOLUTION RED GUARD SLOGANS ON THE OTHER. THE ARTICLE ALSO TAKES THE UNUSUAL STEP OF COSMETICALLY MODIFYING A QUOTATION FROM THE DISGRACED LIN PIAO AS A MEANS OF ENHANCING MAO'S IMAGE (HONG KONG 11335). RED FLAG'S TABLE OF CONTENTS SEEMS TO INDICATE A RATHER WIDE RANGE OF COMMANDMENTS TO BE FOLLOWED AND THUS MAY NOT OFFER MUCH INFORMATION ON CHINA'S FUTURE POLICIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. WHOLE CHAIRMAN MAO'S "BEHESTS" AND THE ADJURATION "ACT ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN" ARE THE MEDIA'S CURRENT WATCHWORDS, FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN/PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG TOOK THE OCCASION OF A MEETING WITH NEW ZEALAND'S ROWLING TO ASSESS THAT CHINA'S POLICIES WOULD INDEED REMAIN FUNDAMENTALLY UNCHANGED. OTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH HUA AND BETWEEN CHANG CHUNG CHIAO AND THE JAMAICANS APPARENTLY EMPHASIZED A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

4. RE-EMERGENCE OF PEKING'S TOP LEADERSHIP AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 18 MOURNING CEREMONIES CONFIRMED BUSINESS WAS RETURNING TO NORMAL AND GAVE THE FIRST HINTS OF STATUS IN THE COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER/VICE PREMIER CHANG CHUNG-CHIAO MADE THE FIRST APPEARANCE GREETING THE JAMAICAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/FINANCE MINISTER ON SEPTEMBER 23. THIS SPOTLIGHT WAS CONTINUED WHEN CHANG FOR THE FIRST TIME SIGNED A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, WHICH COULD INDICATE A HIGHER PROFILE FOR CHANG SINCE HE WAS FUNCTIONING IN AN AREA USUALLY RESERVED FOR FELLOW POLITBURO MEMBER/VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NINE, THE ECONOMIC/FINANCE SPECIALIST. CHANG CHUN-CHIAO ALSO HEADED THE GROUP, INCLUDING KEY FIGURES CHEN HSI-LIEN AND WU TEH, WHICH WENT MILITARYMAN YEH CHIEN-YING ALSO WAS INVOLVED IN GREETING VISITORS.

TO PAY CONDOLENCES AT THE KOREAN EMBASSY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. HUA KUO-FENG WAS NOT INACTIVE, HOWEVER, SENDING A WREATH TO THE KOREAN EMBASSY AND MEETING FOR SOLO DISCUSSIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND'S ROWLING AND FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER (PARARS 9 AND 11). IN BOTH THESE CASES, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG AND MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTREPRETER NACNY TANG APPEARED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

6. THE PEKING VISIT OF THE NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY UNION CHIEF BROUGHT OFFICIAL CHINESE CONFIRMATION OF THE DEMOTION OF RAILWAY MINISTER WAN LI (HONG KONG 10634) AND THE REVELATION THAT HIS PLACE HAS BEEN TAKEN BY VICE MINISTER KUO LU. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PROVINCIAL MEDIA CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE MAO'S BEHESTS

7. PRC PROVINCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF MEETINGS SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 18 FUNERAL SERVICES CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE A MIZTURE OF ACTIVIST POLITICAL THEMES WITH THE NEED TO RALLY AROUND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT MAO'S BEHEST, "ACT ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN". THE BROADCASTS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY THE RE-EMERGENCE OF REFERENCES TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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" SABTOAGE ACTIVITES OF CLASS ENEMIES", PREVALENT IN PROVINCIAL BORADCASTS BEFORE MAO'S DEATH, INDICATING THAT PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES STILL REMAIN CONCERNED OVER THE DEGREE OF FACTIONALISM AND LAWLESSNESS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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8. OF PARTICULAR NOTE WAS A SEPTEMBER 26 HANGCHOU MUNICIPAL
CCP MEETING IN TROUBLED CHEKIANG PROVINCE AT WHICH
"INSTRUCTIONS" WERE CONVEYED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE ALTERNATE
TIEH YING. TIEH EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO GRASP REVOLUTION,
PROMOTE PRODUCTION, DEAL "STERN BLOWS AT SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES",
AND STRESSED UNITY IN "THINKING, POLICY, PLAN, COMMAND AND
ACTION" BY PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PROVINCE. UNCLASSIFIED

CHINESE ANNOUNCE NUCLEAR TEST

9. ON SEPTEMBER 26 THE CHINESE CONDUCTED THEIR SECOND NUCLEAR TEST THIS YEAR, ONLY 17 DAYS AFTER CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH (THE FIRST DEVICE WAS EXPLODED ON JANUARY 23, 15 DAYS AFTER CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH). AS IN PAST PRACTICE, THE SEPTEMBER 26 ANNOUNCEMENT STATED THAT THE TEST WAS ENTIRELY FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES TO "BREAK THE MONOPOLY OF THE SUPER-POWERS" AND PLEDGED THAT UNDER "NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CHINA BE THE FIRST TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS." ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN, THE TEST IS BELIEVED TO BE THE 19TH -- PRC SOURCES SAY 14TH -- SINCE THE CHINESE BEGAN THEIR NUCLEAR TESTING PROGRAM IN 1964. WESTERN NEWS ACCOUNTS QUOTED THE U.S. ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AS STATING THAT THE DEVICE WAS EXPLODED IN THE ATMOSPHERE NEAR LOP NOR AND WAS IN THE 20 TO 200 KILOTON RANGE. UNCLASSIFIED

CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS -- THE ROWLING VISIT

10. FORMER NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER EDWARD ROWLING MET WITH CHINESE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG SEPTEMBER 25 AND REPORTEDLY STATED HUA HAD ASSURED HIM CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH WOULD NOT LEAD TO CHANGES IN PRC FOREIGN POLICY. ON REGIONAL MATTERS, ROWLING SAID HE AND HUA AGREED THAT ASEAN WAS "A GOOD DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE INTERESTS OF THE REGION GENERALLY" AND ADDED THAT HUA RECOGNIZED THE ANZUS TREATY WAS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO CHINA'S INTERESTS (PEKING 1938, NCNA SEPTEMBER 25, REUTERS SEPTEMBER 26 & 28). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE UNITED STATES

11. FORMER U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, RETURNING TO PEKING FROM HIS PROVINCIAL TOUR, MET WITH CHINESE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND DEFENSE MINISTER YEH CHIEN-YING. COMMENTING ON HIS MEETING WITH YEH, THE LOCAL PRC NEWSPAPER HSIN WAN PAO INDICATED THAT, DESPITE CERTAIN DIFFERENCES WITH SCHLESINGER -- INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF U.S. ARMS SALES TO THE PRC -- COMMON CONCERN OVER SOVIET HEGEMONISM PROMPTED HIS INVITATION TO CHINA. MEANWHILE, NCNA QUOTED RECENT REMARKS BY PRESENT DEFENSE SECRETARY RUMSFELD AND NAVY SECRETARY MIDDENDORF IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "U.S. MILITARY GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT INTENSIFIED SOVIET NAVAL EXPANSION." HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PAO STATED THAT SOVIET NUCLEAR EXPANSION, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE SS-20 MISSILE, WAS GIVING THE U.S. "A HEADACHE" (NCNA SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, HSIN WAN PAO SEPTEMBER 28, WEN WEI PAO SEPTEMBER 29). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

12. NCNA CONTINUED TO CARRY U.S. CONDOLENCE MESSAGES ON THE DEATH OF THE CHAIRMAN. PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE TO CHIANG CHING WAS PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 24, FOLLOWED BY

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM THE FAMILY OF "LATE AMERICAN FRIEND" EDGAR SNOW AND FORMER PRESIDENT REICHARD NIXON. THE SECRETARY'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE WAS NOTED IN A LIST OF THOSE SENT BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MANY COUNTRIES. THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY'S NAME WAS THE SAME AS THAT IN THE LIST OF MESSAGES FOR CHOU EN-LAI. STILL ANOTHER LIST OF MESSAGES INCLUDED MENTION OF ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, "AFRO-AMERICAN LEADER," AND SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MANSFIELD (NCNA SEPTEMBER 23-25). UNCLASSIFIED

TAIWAN

13. THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST EVENING PAPER HSIN WAN PAO SEPTEMBER 22 IMPLIES THE U.S. IS TRYING TO PRESSURE CHING-KUO INTO ABANDONING QUEMOY AND MATSU. REFERRING TO A RECENT SPEECH BY THE ROC PREMIER, THE COMMENTARY ALLEGES THAT "ALL OF A SUDDEN" CHIANG CHING-KUO STATED:"WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP OUR FORWARD BASES ON QUEMOY AND MATSU UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES." IT ASSERTS THAT THE PRC HAS GIVEN CHIANG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO CAUSE TO WORRY SPECIFICALLY ABOUT QUEMOY AND MATSU SINCE CHINA'S POLICY IS THE "LIBERATION" OF ALL TERRITORY CURRENTLY HELD BY THE NATIONALISTS. THE COMMENTARY THEREFORE STATES THAT SUCH PRESSURE COULD ONLY HAVE COME FROM THE U.S. ANOTHER COMMENTARY THE FOLLOWING DAY ALSO MAINTAINS THAT TAIWAN IS WORRIED ABOUT THE U.S. COMMITMENT. IT CONTENDS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S FAILURE TO MENTION REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM GUARANTEES ON TAIWAN IN THE COURSE OF HIS RECENT COMMENTS ON SINO-U.S. RELATIONS HAS TENDED TO INCREASE NATIONALIST LEADERS' WORRIES.

THE SOVIET UNION

14. BARELY CONCEALING ITS GLEE, AN NCNA COMMENTARY ON THE DEFECTION OF TWO SOVIET PILOTS WITHIN 18 DAYS CLAIMS THAT THE DEFECTIONS WERE "ERUPTIONS IN AN INEXORABLE PROCESS OF UNREST AND DISINTEGRATION" WITHIN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES. IT CHARGES THAT THE BREZHNEV CLIQUE EDUCATES ITS SOLDIERS IN FASCISM AND MILITARISM AND PREDICTS THAT THE "DISCONTENT AND RESISTANCE" OF THE RANK-AND-FILE SOVIET SOLDIERS WILL CERTAINLY INCREASE IN INTENSITY. AN EQUALLY HARD-HITTING COMMENTARY ON LEBANON ATTRIBUTES MOST OF THAT COUNTRY'S PRESENT ILLS TO THE SOVIETS WHILE ANOTHER SCORES THE SOVIETS FOR TRYING TO HINDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES OF PEACE (NCNA SEPTEMBER 24-27) UNCLASSIFIED

SOUTHERN AFRICA

15. IN THE FIRST PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA COMMENTARY ON SOUTHERN

AFRICA IN ALMOST A MONTH (WR 35), NCNA DIRECTS MOST OF ITS FIRE AT THE SOVIET UNION UNDER THE GENERAL RUBRIC OF INTENSIFIED SOVIET-U.S. RIVALRY IN THE AREA. U.S. MOVES ARE DESCRIBED AS BASICALLY REACTIVE TO INCREASING SOVIET PRESSURE AND THE ONLY COMMENT ON THE SECRETARY'S MOST RECENT SHUTTLE IS THAT HE WENT THERE TO "MEET GROWING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE REGION AND TO SAFEGUARD U.S. INTERESTS THERE." LOCAL HONG KONG COMMUNIST PRESS COMMENTARY IS EVEN LESS CRITICAL, NOTING THAT THE SECRETARY IS "WORKING HARD" IN SEEKING A SOLUTION AND THAT, AS FAR AS TIMING FOR THE SHUTTLE GOES, "WASHINGTON HAS GOT IT RIGHT." THERE HAS BEEN NO PRC COMMENTARY SINCE THE BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS' LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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16 COMMEMORATING INDIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP DAY (SEPTEMBER 26), NCNA PUBLISHED THE FIRST WARM WORDS ON SINO-INDIAN FRIENDSHIP BY CHINA'S NEWLY ARRIVED AMBASSADOR (WR 37). SPEAKING AT AN INDIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING, AMBASSADOR CHEN CHAO-YUAN PRAISED THE INDIAN PEOPLE AS "A GREAT PEOPLE", NOTED THE "LONG AND TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP" THAT HAS EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES, AND STATED THAT THE NORMALIZATION OF SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE "JOINT EFFORTS" OF BOTH SIDES. NCNA NOTED THE PRESENCE OF THE FUNCTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE INDIAN RAILWAY MINISTER. THE INDIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, LONG DORMANT, WAS REACTIVATED LAST YEAR AND HELD ITS FIRST PUBLIC FUNCTION MAY 23 IN HONOR OF INDIA'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO CHINA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CROSS

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